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| **bemused** | confused; lost in thought; preoccupied |
| cowering | cringing in fear |
| derision | ridicule; mockery; make fun of |
| receptive | open; welcoming |
| reprehensible | (adj.) deserving blame or punishment; shameful |
| scuttled | scurried; scampered; ran quickly |
| aloof | reserved, distant; stand-offish |
| appraised | estimate the value of something |
| brutally | cruelly; violently |
| crestfallen | discouraged, dejected, downcast |
| disarming | charming, tending to get rid of suspicion or unfriendliness |
| indignation | anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean |

**Vocabulary Ch3-4**